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I'm sure you've heard all the positive and negative comments by now. All I'd ask you to do is to objectively consider this: Would Seattle and its citizens really be better off with this tunnel than with just about any reasonable alternative? It's difficult for me, at least, to answer affirmatively to that. Tolls, added traffic, poor access and egress, environmental dangers, incredible expense and virtually assured overruns . . . this is a travesty.

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The lead agencies have identified the Bored Tunnel Alternative as the preferred alternative due to its ability to best meet the project's identified purposes and needs and the support it has received from diverse interests. Specifically, compared to the Cut-and-Cover Tunnel and Elevated Structure Alternatives, it avoids substantial closure of SR 99 during construction and it can be built in a shorter period of time than the other two alternatives. Extended closure of SR 99 would be more disruptive to Seattle and the Puget Sound region. Chapters 5 (Permanent Effects) and 6 (Construction Effects) in the Final EIS provide a more in-depth comparison of trade-offs for the alternatives.